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benefit amount plus \$10. It further provides that in any year, commencing in 2006, that the state's reserve ratio as of September 30 falls below the .4, the maximum weekly benefit amount for the following calendar year shall not be increased. Section 7 is new language establishing good cause quits, and it puts them in their own stand-alone section. It further defines eligibility of construction workers for good cause quits and broadens the definition of abuse. Section 10 is the section that increases the disqualification period from the 7 to 10 weeks, to 13 weeks. And Section 12 is the section that...where we've extended the good cause quits. We've increased what some of those are. We've put them in statute. It just simply says that some of those go into the pool account instead of being charged against the employers' ratio, reserve ratio. And that's a pretty brief description, but I don't think there's anyone here listening. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. As you know, the question was divided, and each division is treated separately and they are up for amendments. So, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment by Senator Chambers to this division. Senator, this is identified as FA108. It would say on page 26 of the original amendment, line 23, strike "ten" and insert "20." (Legislative Journal page 909.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the first part of the divided question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Cunningham, I'm going to...although it's on the gadget, I'm going to mention to you again the page and the line number.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the committee amendment, page 26, in line 23, I would strike the word "ten" and insert the word "20."